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CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF MISSION 1103-2 REVEALS FOUR NEW
AIRFIELDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

1. PALMYRA AIRFIELD IS LOCATED IN CENTRAL SYRIA ON THE
EAST EDGE OF PALMYRA AT 34-33-45N 038-18-20E. THE AIRFIELD
IS BEING CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE OF THE OLD PALMYRA AIRFIELD
AND CONSISTS OF AN 8,400 X 140-FT WNW/ESE

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GRADED-EARTH RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND A SERVICEABLE 3,000 X 345-FT NE/SW GRADED EARTH RUNWAY. THIS IS THE FOURTH NEW AIRFIELD IDENTIFIED IN SYRIA SINCE THE JUNE WAR WITH ISRAEL.

2. H-4 AIRFIELD NEW IS LOCATED IN EASTERN JORDAN ALONG THE INACTIVE KIRKUK-HAIFA PIPELINE 2.2NM NORTH OF THE H-4 PUMPING STATION AT 32-32-30N 038-11-50E AND CONSISTS OF A 10,368 X 235-FT WNW/ESE GRADED-EARTH RUNWAY. THIS IS THE FIRST NEW AIRFIELD IDENTIFIED IN JORDAN SINCE THE JUNE WAR.

3. H-3 AIRFIELD NORTHEAST AND H-3 AIRFIELD NORTHWEST LOCATED IN WESTERN IRAQ ALONG THE INACTIVE KIRKUK-HAIFA PIPELINE ARE THE FIRST NEW AIRFIELDS IDENTIFIED IN IRAQ SINCE THE JUNE WAR.

A. H-3 NORTHEAST IS 10.5NM NE OF THE H-3 PUMPING STATION AT 33-02-45N 039-50-35E AND CONSISTS OF AN 8,026 X 128-FT N/S BLACK TOP RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND 14 PROBABLE REVETMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

B. H-3 NORTHWEST IS 11.5NM NW OF THE H-3 PUMPING STATION AT 33-05-00N 039-36-00E AND CONSISTS OF A 10,391 X 105-FT NW/SE BLACK TOP RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH A PROBABLE PARALLEL TAXIWAY, TWO LINK TAXIWAYS, TWO POSSIBLE DOUBLE HANGARETTES, AND 11 POSSIBLE REVETMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

4. COMPLETION OF THESE AIRFIELDS WOULD IMPROVE AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL, AND THE APPARENT PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION UNDERSCORES RECOGNITION BY THESE COUNTRIES OF THE NEED FOR THIS CAPABILITY.

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